

## ACM NJ-2005

# Appendix NJ - Acceptance Requirements for Nonresidential Buildings

### **NJ.1 Purpose and Scope**

ACM NJ defines acceptance procedures that must be completed before credit can be claimed for certain compliance measures. The procedures apply to nonresidential, high-rise residential and hotel/motel buildings as defined by the California Energy Commission's Energy Efficiency Standards for Nonresidential Buildings.

### **NJ.2 Introduction**

Acceptance Requirements are defined as the application of targeted inspection checks and functional and performance testing conducted to determine whether specific building components, equipment, systems, and interfaces between systems conform to the criteria set forth in the Standards and to related construction documents (plans or specifications). Acceptance Requirements can effectively improve code compliance and help determine whether equipment meets operational goals and whether it should be adjusted to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

This section describes the process for completing the Acceptance Requirements. The steps include the following:

- Document plans showing sensor locations, devices, control sequences and notes.
- Review the installation, perform acceptance tests and document results, and
- Document the operating and maintenance information, complete installation certificate and indicate test results on the Certificate of Acceptance, and submit the Certificate to the building department prior to receive a final occupancy permit.

Acceptance testing is not intended to take the place of commissioning or test and balance procedures that a building owner might incorporate into a building project. It is an adjunct process focusing only on demonstrating compliance with the Standards.

The installing contractor, engineer of record or owners agent shall be responsible for reviewing the plans and specifications to assure they conform to the Acceptance Requirements. This is typically done prior to signing a Certificate of Compliance.

The installing contractor, engineer of record or owners agent shall be responsible for providing all necessary instrumentation, measurement and monitoring, and undertaking all required acceptance requirement procedures. They shall be responsible for correcting all performance deficiencies and again implementing the acceptance requirement procedures until all specified systems and equipment are performing in accordance with the Standards.

The installing contractor, engineer of record or owners agent shall be responsible for documenting the results of the acceptance requirement procedures including paper and electronic copies of all measurement and monitoring results. They shall be responsible for performing data analysis, calculation of performance indices and crosschecking results with the requirements of the Standard. They shall be responsible for issuing a Certificate of Acceptance. Building departments shall not release a final Certificate of Occupancy until a Certificate of Acceptance is submitted that demonstrates that the specified systems and equipment have been shown to be performing in accordance with the Standards. The installing contractor, engineer of record or owners agent upon completion of undertaking all required acceptance requirement procedures shall record their State of California

Contractor's License number or their State of California Professional Registration License Number on each Certificate of Acceptance that they issue.

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### **NJ.3 Outdoor Air**

#### **NJ.3.1 Variable Air Volume Systems Outdoor Air Acceptance**

##### **NJ.3.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Outside air flow station is calibrated OR a calibration curve of outside air vs. outside air damper position, inlet vane signal, or VFD signal was completed during system TAB procedures.

##### **NJ.3.1.2 Equipment Testing**~~Start-up~~

Step 1: If the system has an outdoor air economizer, force the economizer high limit to disable economizer control (e.g. for a fixed drybulb high limit, lower the setpoint below the current outdoor air temperature)

Step 2: Drive all VAV boxes to the greater of the minimum airflow or 30% of the total design airflow. Verify and document the following:

- Measured outside airflow CFM corresponds to no less than 90% of the total value found on the Standards Mechanical Plan Check document MECH-3, Column H or Column I (which ever is greater).
- System operation stabilizes within 15 minutes after test procedures are initiated (no hunting).

Step 3: Drive all VAV boxes to achieve design airflow. Verify and document the following:

- Measured outside airflow CFM corresponds to no less than 90% of the total value found on Standards Mechanical Plan Check document MECH-3, Column H or Column I (which ever is greater).
- System operation stabilizes within 15 minutes after test procedures are initiated (no hunting).

#### **NJ.3.2 Constant Volume System Outdoor Air Acceptance**

##### **NJ.3.2.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- The system has a fixed or motorized minimum outdoor air damper, or an economizer capable of maintaining a minimum outdoor air damper position.

##### **NJ.3.2.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: If the system has an outdoor air economizer, force the economizer high limit to disable economizer control (e.g. for a fixed drybulb high limit, lower the setpoint below the current outdoor air temperature)

- Measured outside airflow CFM with damper at minimum position corresponds to no less than 90% of the total value found on the Standards Mechanical Plan Check document MECH-3, Column H or Column I (which ever is greater).

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### **NJ.4 Packaged HVAC Systems**

Acceptance requirements apply only to constant volume, direct expansion (DX) packaged systems with gas furnaces or heat pumps.

## **NJ.4.1 Constant Volume Packaged HVAC Systems Acceptance**

### **NJ.4.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Thermostat is located within the zone that the HVAC system serves.
- Space temperature thermostat is factory-calibrated (proof required) or field-calibrated.
- Appropriate temperature deadband has been programmed.
- Appropriate occupied, unoccupied, and holiday schedules have been programmed.
- Appropriate pre-occupancy purge has been programmed per Standards Section 121(c)2.
- Economizer lockout control sensor, if applicable, is factory-calibrated (proof required) or field-calibrated and setpoint properly set (refer to the *ECONOMIZERS* acceptance requirements section for detail).
- Demand control ventilation controller, if applicable, is factory-calibrated (proof required) or field-calibrated and setpoint properly set (refer to the *DEMAND CONTROL VENTILATION* acceptance requirements section for detail).

### **NJ.4.1.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Simulate heating load during occupied condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to include actual time and placing thermostat heating setpoint above actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan operates continually during occupied condition.
- Gas-fired furnace, heat pump or electric heater, if applicable, stages on.
- No cooling is provided by the unit.
- Outside air damper is open to the minimum position.

Step 2: Simulate "no-load" during occupied condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to include actual time and placing thermostat heating setpoints below actual temperature and cooling setpoint below actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan operates continually during occupied condition.
- Neither heating or cooling is provided by the unit.
- Outside air damper is open to the minimum position.

Step 3: If there is an economizer, simulate cooling load and economizer operation, if applicable, during occupied condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to include actual time and placing thermostat cooling setpoint below actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan operates continually during occupied condition.
- Refer to the *ECONOMIZERS* acceptance requirements section for testing protocols.
  - No heating is provided by the unit.

Step 4: If there is no economizer, simulate cooling load during occupied condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to include actual time and placing thermostat cooling setpoint below actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan operates continually during occupied condition.
- Compressor(s) stage on.
- No heating is provided by the unit.

- Outside air damper is open to the minimum position.

Step 5: Change the time schedule force the unit into unoccupied mode. Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan turns off.
- Outside air damper closes completely.

Step 6: Simulate heating load during setback conditions (e.g. by setting time schedule to exclude actual time and placing thermostat setback heating setpoint above actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan cycles on.
- Gas-fired furnace, heat pump or electric heater, if applicable, stages on.
- No cooling is provided by the unit.
- Supply fan cycles off when heating equipment is disabled.

Step 7: If there is an economizer, simulate cooling load and economizer operation, if applicable, during unoccupied condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to exclude actual time and placing thermostat setup cooling setpoint below actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan cycles on.
- Refer to the *ECONOMIZERS* acceptance requirements section for testing protocols.
- Supply fan cycles off when call for cooling is satisfied (simulated by lowering the thermostat setpoint to below actual temperature).
- Outside air damper closes when unit cycles off.

Step 8: If there is no economizer, simulate cooling load during setup condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to exclude actual time and placing thermostat setup cooling setpoint above actual temperature). Verify and document the following:

- Supply fan cycles on.
- Compressor(s) stage on to satisfy cooling space temperature setpoint.
- No heating is provided by the unit.
- Supply fan cycles off when cooling equipment is disabled.

Step 9: Simulate manual override during unoccupied condition (e.g. by setting time schedule to exclude actual time or by pressing override button). Verify and document the following:

- System reverts to "occupied" mode and operates as described above to satisfy a heating, cooling, or no load condition.
- System turns off when manual override time period expires.

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## **NJ.5. Air Distribution Systems**

Acceptance requirements apply only to systems covered by Section 144(k).

### **NJ.5.1 Air Distribution Acceptance**

#### **NJ.5.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Drawbands are either stainless steel worm-drive hose clamps or UV-resistant nylon duct ties.

- Flexible ducts are not constricted in any way (for example pressing against immovable objects or squeezed through openings).
- Duct leakage tests shall be performed before access to ductwork and associated connections are blocked by permanently installed construction material.
- Joints and seams are not sealed with a cloth back rubber adhesive tape unless used in combination with mastic and drawbands.
- Duct R-values are verified.
- Insulation is protected from damage and suitable for outdoor service if applicable.

#### **NJ.5.1.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Perform duct leakage test per 2003 Nonresidential ACM Approved Manual, Appendix NG, Section 4.3.8.2. Certify the following:

- Duct leakage conforms to the requirements of Section 144(k).

Step 2: Obtain HERS Rater field verification as required by Chapter 7 and Appendix NG.

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### **NJ.6. Lighting Control Systems**

Lighting control testing is performed on:

- Manual Daylighting Controls.
- Automatic Daylighting Controls.
- Occupancy Sensors.
- Automatic Time-switch Control.

#### **NJ.6.1 Automatic Daylighting Controls Acceptance**

##### **NJ.6.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- All control devices (photocells) have been properly located, factory-calibrated (proof required) or field-calibrated and set for appropriate set points and threshold light levels.
- Installer has provided documentation of setpoints, setting and programming for each device.
- Luminaires located in either a horizontal daylit area(s) or a vertical daylit area(s) are powered by a separate lighting circuit from non-daylit areas.

##### **NJ.6.1.2 Equipment Testing**

###### **Continuous Dimming Control Systems**

Step 1: Simulate bright conditions for a continuous dimming control system. Verify and document the following:

- Lighting power reduction is at least 65% under fully dimmed conditions.
- At least one control step reduces the lighting power by at least 30%.
- Only luminaires in daylit zone are affected by daylight control.
- Automatic daylight control system reduces the amount of light delivered to the space uniformly.

- Dimming control system provides reduced flicker operation over the entire operating range per Standards Section 119(e)2.
- Lumen measurements in the space, location of measurements and specific device settings, program settings and other measurements are documented.

Step 2: Simulate dark conditions for a continuous dimming control system. Verify and document the following:

- Automatic daylight control system increases the amount of light delivered to the space uniformly.
- Dimming control system provides reduced flicker operation over the entire operating range per Standards Section 119(e)2.
- Lumen measurements in the space, location of measurements and specific device settings, program settings and other measurements are documented.

#### Stepped Dimming Control Systems

Step 1: Simulate bright conditions for a stepped dimming control system. Verify and document the following:

- Lighting power reduction is at least 50% under fully dimmed conditions.
- Only luminaires in daylit zone are affected by daylight control.
- Automatic daylight control system reduces the amount of light delivered to the space relatively uniformly as per Section 131(b).
- Automatic daylight control system reduces the amount of light delivered to the space per manufacturer's specifications for power level verses light level.
- Minimum time delay between step changes is 3 minutes to prevent short cycling.
- Lumen measurements in the space, location of measurements and specific device settings, program settings and other measurements are documented.

Step 2: Simulate dark conditions for a stepped dimming control system. Verify and document the following:

- Automatic daylight control system increases the amount of light delivered to the space per manufacturer's specifications for power level verses light level.
- Stepped dimming control system provides reduced flicker over the entire operating range per Standards Section 119(e)2.
- Minimum time delay between step changes is 3 minutes to prevent short cycling.
- Lumen measurements in the space, location of measurements and specific device settings, program settings and other measurements are documented.

#### Stepped Switching Control Systems

Step 1: Simulate bright conditions for a stepped switching control system. Verify and document the following:

- Lighting power reduction is at least 50% under fully switched conditions per Standards Section 119(e)1.
- Only luminaires in daylit zone are affected by daylight control.
- Automatic daylight control system reduces the amount of light delivered to the space relatively uniformly as per Section 131(b).
- Automatic daylight control system reduces the amount of light delivered to the space per manufacturer's specifications for power level verses light level.
- Single- or multiple-stepped switching controls provide a dead band of at least three minutes between switching thresholds to prevent short cycling.
- Lumen measurements in the space, location of measurements and specific device settings, program settings and other measurements are documented.

Step 2: Simulate dark conditions for a stepped switching control system. Verify and document the following:

- Automatic daylight control system increases the amount of light delivered to the space per manufacturer's specifications for power level verses light level.
- Single- or multiple-stepped switching controls provide a dead band of at least three minutes between switching thresholds to prevent short cycling.
- Lumen measurements in the space, location of measurements and specific device settings, program settings and other measurements are documented.

## **NJ.6.2 Occupancy Sensor Acceptance**

### **NJ.6.2.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Occupancy ~~sensorsensitivity~~ has been located to minimize false signals.
- Occupancy sensors do not encounter any obstructions that could adversely affect desired performance.
- Ultrasound occupancy sensors do not emit audible sound.

### **NJ.6.2.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: For a representative sample of building spaces, simulate an unoccupied condition. Verify and document the following:

- Lights controlled by occupancy sensors turn off within a maximum of 30 minutes from the start of an unoccupied condition per Standard Section 119(d).
- The occupant sensor does not trigger a false "on" from movement in an area adjacent to the controlled space or from HVAC operation.
- Signal sensitivity is adequate to achieve desired control.

Step 2: For a representative sample of building spaces, simulate an occupied condition. Verify and document the following:

- Status indicator or annunciator operates correctly.
- Lights controlled by occupancy sensors turn on immediately upon an occupied condition, OR sensor indicates space is "occupied" and lights are turned on manually (automatic OFF and manual ON control strategy).

## **NJ.6.3 Manual Daylighting Controls Acceptance**

### **NJ.6.3.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- If dimming ballasts are specified for light fixtures within the daylit area, make sure they meet all the Standards requirements, including "reduced flicker operation" for manual dimming control systems.

### **NJ.6.3.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Perform manual switching control. Verify and document the following:

- Manual switching or dimming achieves a lighting power reduction of at least 50%.
- The amount of light delivered to the space is uniformly reduced.

## **NJ.6.4 Automatic Time Switch Control Acceptance**

### **NJ.6.4.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Automatic time switch control is programmed with acceptable weekday, weekend, and holiday (if applicable) schedules.
- Document for the owner automatic time switch programming including weekday, weekend, holiday schedules as well as all set-up and preference program settings.
- Verify the correct time and date is properly set in the time switch.
- Verify the battery is installed and energized.
- Override time limit is no more than 2 hours.

### **NJ.6.4.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Simulate occupied condition. Verify and document the following:

- All lights can be turned on and off by their respective area control switch.
- Verify the switch only operates lighting in the ceiling-height partitioned area in which the switch is located.

Step 2: Simulate unoccupied condition. Verify and document the following:

- All non-exempt lighting turn off per Section 131 (d)1.
- Manual override switch allows only the lights in the selected ceiling height partitioned space where the override switch is located, to turn on or remain on until the next scheduled shut off occurs.
- All non-exempt lighting turns off.

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## **NJ.7. Air Economizer Controls**

Economizer testing is performed on all built-up systems and on packaged systems per Standards Section 144 (e)1. Air economizers installed by the HVAC system manufacturer and certified to the commission as being factory calibrated and tested do not require field testing.

### **NJ.7.1 Economizer Acceptance**

#### **NJ.7.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Economizer lockout setpoint complies with Table 144-C per Standards Section 144 (e) 3.
- System controls are wired correctly to ensure economizer is fully integrated (i.e. economizer will operate when mechanical cooling is enabled).
- Economizer lockout control sensor location is adequate (open to air but not exposed to direct sunlight nor in an enclosure; away from sources of building exhaust; at least 25 feet away from cooling towers).
- Relief fan or return fansystem (if applicable) operates as necessary only when the economizer is enabled to control building pressure.
- If no relief fan or return fansystem is installed, barometric relief dampers are installed to relieve building pressure when the economizer is operating.



**NJ.7.1.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Simulate a cooling load and enable the economizer by adjusting the lockout control (fixed or differential dry-bulb or enthalpy sensor depending on system type) setpoint. Verify and document the following:

- Economizer damper modulates opens per Standards Section 144 (e)1A to maximum position to satisfy cooling space temperature setpoint.
- Return air damper modulates closed and is completely closed when economizer damper is 100% open.
- Economizer damper is 100% open before mechanical cooling is enabled.
- Relief fan or return fan (if applicable) is operating or barometric relief dampers freely swing open.
- Mechanical cooling is only enabled if cooling space temperature setpoint is not met with economizer at 100% open.
- Doors are not pushed ajar from over pressurization.

Step 2: Continue from Step 1 and disable the economizer by adjusting the lockout control (fixed or differential dry-bulb or enthalpy sensor depending on system type) setpoint. Verify and document the following:

- Economizer damper closes to minimum position.
- Return air damper opens to normal operating position.
- Relief fan (if applicable) shuts off or barometric relief dampers close. Return fan (if applicable) may still operate even when economizer is disabled.
- Mechanical cooling remains enabled until cooling space temperature setpoint is met.

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**NJ.8. Demand Control Ventilation (DCV) Systems**

Demand control ventilation is tested on package systems per Standards Section 121 (c)3.

**NJ.8.1 Packaged Systems DCV Acceptance****NJ.8.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Carbon dioxide control sensor is factory calibrated (proof required) or field-calibrated with an accuracy of no less than 75 ppm.
- The sensor is located in the room between 1ft and 6 ft above the floor.
- System controls are wired correctly to ensure proper control of outdoor air damper system.

**NJ.8.1.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Simulate a high CO2 load and enable the demand control ventilation by adjusting the demand control ventilation controller setpoint below ambient CO2 levels. Verify and document the following:

- Outdoor air damper modulates opens per Standards to maximum position to satisfy outdoor air requirements specified in Section 121 (c) 4. ~~Equation 121-A.~~

Step 2: Continue from Step 1 and disable demand control ventilation by adjusting the demand control ventilation controller setpoint above ambient CO2 levels. Verify and document the following:

- Outdoor air damper closes to minimum position.

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## **NJ.9. Variable Frequency Drive Systems**

### **NJ.9.1 Supply Fan Variable Flow Controls**

#### **NJ.9.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Performance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Discharge static pressure sensor is factory calibrated (proof required) or field-calibrated with secondary source.
- Disable discharge static pressure reset sequences to prevent unwanted interaction while performing tests.

#### **NJ.9.1.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Drive all VAV boxes to achieve design airflow. Verify and document the following:

- Witness proper response from supply fan (e.g. VFD ramps up to full speed; inlet vanes open full).
- Supply fan maintains discharge static pressure within +/-10% of setpoint.
- Measured maximum airflow corresponds to design and/or TAB report within +/-10%.
- System operation stabilizes within a reasonable amount of time after test procedures are initiated (no hunting).

Step 2: Drive all VAV boxes to minimum flow or to achieve 30% total design airflow whichever is larger. Verify and document the following:

- Witness proper response from supply fan (VFD slows fan speed; inlet vanes close).
- Supply fan maintains discharge static pressure within +/-10% of setpoint.
- System operation stabilizes within a reasonable amount of time after test procedures are initiated (no hunting).

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## **NJ.10. Hydronic System Controls Acceptance**

Hydronic controls Acceptance Testing will be performed on:

- Variable Flow Controls
- Automatic Isolation Controls
- Supply Water Temperature Reset Controls
- Water-loop Heat Pump Controls
- Variable Frequency Drive Control

### **NJ.10.1 Variable Flow Controls**

#### **NJ.10.1.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Valve and piping arrangements were installed per the design drawings to achieve flow reduction requirements.
- Installed valve and hydronic connection pressure ratings meet specifications.

- Installed valve actuator torque characteristics meet specifications.

#### **NJ.10.1.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Open all control valves. Verify and document the following:

- System operation achieves design conditions.

Step 2: Initiate closure of control valves. Verify and document the following:

- The design pump flow control strategy achieves flow reduction requirements.
- Ensure all valves operate correctly against the minimum flow system pressure condition.

### **NJ.10.2 Automatic Isolation Controls**

#### **NJ.10.2.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Valve and piping arrangements were installed per the design drawings to achieve equipment isolation requirements.
- Installed valve and hydronic connection pressure ratings meet specifications.
- Installed valve actuator torque characteristics meet specifications.

#### **NJ.10.2.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Open all control valves. Verify and document the following:

- System operation achieves design conditions.

Step 2: Initiate shut-down sequence on individual pieces of equipment. Verify and document the following:

- The design control strategy meets isolation requirements automatically upon equipment shut-down.
- Ensure all valves operate correctly at shut-off system pressure conditions.

### **NJ.10.3 Supply Water Temperature Reset Controls**

#### **NJ.10.3.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- ALL SENSORS HAVE BEEN CALIBRATED.
- Sensor locations are adequate to achieve accurate measurements.
- Installed sensors comply with specifications.

**NJ.10.3.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Manually change design control variable to maximum setpoint. Verify and document the following:

- Chilled or hot water temperature setpoint is reset to appropriate value.
- Actual supply temperature changes to meet setpoint.

Step 2: Manually change design control variable to minimum setpoint. Verify and document the following:

- Chilled or hot water temperature setpoint is reset to appropriate value.
- Actual supply temperature changes to meet setpoint.

**NJ.10.4 Water-loop Heat Pump Controls****NJ.10.4.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- Valves were installed per the design drawings to achieve equipment isolation requirements.
- Installed valve and hydronic connection pressure ratings meet specifications.
- Installed valve actuator torque characteristics meet specifications.
- All sensor locations comply with design drawings.
- All sensors are calibrated.
- VFD minimum speed setpoint exceeds motor manufacturer's requirements.
- VFD minimum speed setpoint should not be set below the pumping energy curve inflection point (i.e. combination of pump-motor-VFD efficiency at reduced load may cause power requirements to increase upon further reduction in load).

**NJ.10.4.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Open all control valves. Verify and document the following:

- System operation achieves design conditions +/- 5%.
- VFD operates at 100% speed at full flow conditions.

Step 2: Initiate shut-down sequence on each individual heat pumps. Verify and document the following:

- Isolation valves close automatically upon unit shut-down.
- Ensure all valves operate correctly at shut-off system pressure conditions.
- Witness proper response from VFD (speed decreases as valves close).
- System operation stabilizes within 5 minutes after test procedures are initiated (no hunting).

Step 3: Adjust system operation to achieve 50% flow. Verify and document the following:

- VFD input power less than 30% of design.

Step 4: Adjust system operation to achieve a flow rate that would result in the VFD operating below minimum speed setpoint. Verify and document the following:

- Ensure VFD maintains minimum speed setpoint regardless of system flow operating point.

## **NJ.10.5 Variable Frequency Drive Controls**

### **NJ.10.5.1 Construction Inspection**

Prior to Acceptance Testing, verify and document the following:

- All valves, sensors, and equipment were installed per the design drawings.
- All installed valves, sensors, and equipment meet specifications.
- All sensors are calibrated.
- VFD minimum speed setpoint exceeds motor manufacturer's requirements.
- VFD minimum speed setpoint should not be set below the pumping energy curve inflection point (i.e. combination of pump-motor-VFD efficiency characteristics at reduced load may cause input power to increase upon further reduction in load).

### **NJ.10.5.2 Equipment Testing**

Step 1: Open all control valves. Verify and document the following:

- System operation achieves design conditions +/- 5%.
- VFD operates at 100% speed at full flow conditions.

Step 2: Modulate control valves closed. Verify and document the following:

- Ensure all valves operate correctly at system operating pressure conditions.
- Witness proper response from VFD (speed decreases as valves close).
- System operation stabilizes within 5 minutes after test procedures are initiated (no hunting).

Step 3: Adjust system operation to achieve 50% flow. Verify and document the following:

- VFD input power less than 30% of design.

Step 4: Adjust system operation to achieve a flow rate that would result in the VFD operating below minimum speed setpoint. Verify and document the following:

- Ensure VFD maintains minimum speed setpoint regardless of system flow operating point.